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- 7. English-language Abstracts and/or translations are attached to the non-English language references.
- ☑ 8. Other: The reference was cited in the Partial European Search Report issued 15 January 2010, a copy of which is enclosed. The other references cited therein have already been disclosed in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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